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The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following developments in world agriculture and trade.

OILSEEDS AND PRODUCTS

Reduced Soybean Production in CHINA May Spur Imports and Reduce Exports. Lower soybean production and rising demand in China have resulted in shortages of livestock feed and vegetable oil there. Some cities are reporting acute feed protein shortages and cut-off of unrationed vegetable oil sales. As a result, soybean exports are expected to drop this year and imports are expected to expand over the next few years to help satisfy rising feed requirements.

China exported 1.5 million metric tons of soybeans in 1987/88 (Oct./Sept.) and imported 200,000 tons. In addition, it exported 2.2 million tons of soybean meal. China's major soybean markets were the USSR (600,000 tons), Southeast Asia, including Indonesia and Malaysia (450,000 tons), and Japan (300,000 tons). Its major soybean meal markets were Southeast Asia (1.3 million tons) and Western Europe (430,000 tons). Within Southeast Asia, China's soybean meal markets were Indonesia (270,000 tons), the Philippines (260,000 tons) and Thailand (200,000 tons). In addition, 280,000 tons of soybean meal went to Denmark.

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ECUADOR'S Shrimp Industry Faces Feed Shortage. Ecuador, the world's second largest shrimp exporter, may be facing problems in its shrimp industry this year due to a shortage of protein meal used in shrimp feed. Although Ecuador is a net exporter of fishmeal, the fishmeal industry is required to reserve 20 percent of its production for domestic feed. However, higher world fishmeal prices in 1988 prompted the industry to break the 20-percent rule, resulting in domestic protein meal shortages. Efforts by feed compounders to have the government allow more soybean meal imports are being blocked by local soybean growers who want to limit soybean meal imports in order to maintain current price levels.

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Soybean meal has nearly 70 percent of the protein value of fishmeal at roughly half the price. Shrimp feed formulations in Ecuador include 10-40 percent fishmeal and 3-10 percent soybean meal.

COTTON AND FIBERS

November U.S. Cotton Exports Hit Highest Level Since June. U.S. cotton exports during November totaled 398,000 bales, 69 percent above the October level and the largest monthly level since June. Cumulative August-November exports of 1.2 million bales were below the 1.7 million exported in the same period of 1987/88. Leading destinations for U.S. cotton this season have been South Korea, Japan and the European Community. Total 1988/89 season U.S. exports are forecast at 5.2 million bales.

COFFEE

BRAZILIAN 1989/90 Coffee Crop Forecast Lowered. The 1989/90 coffee crop for Brazil, the world's largest coffee producer, is now forecast at 26.0 million 60-kilogram bags, 2 million less than earlier forecast. While production at this level is 1 million bags more than harvested in 1988/89, it is 12 million bags below the 1987/88 harvest of 38 million. The 1989/90 year was considered an on year in the biennial yield cycle for coffee production in Brazil, with some early estimates in excess of 40 million bags.

The major reason for the reduced forecast is extremely dry weather until late December in Parana and Sao Paulo, which left trees in poor condition. Soil moisture had been below adequate levels until mid-January in both states, with the exception of eastern and northeastern Sao Paulo. While substantial rain since late December improved moisture considerably, it came too late for coffee flowering which usually occurs in August through December. In Minas Gerais, the largest producing state, most coffee trees had a good first and second flowering and current conditions support a good crop, thanks to rainfall of near-normal levels.

WEEKLY EXCHANGE RATE DEVELOPMENTS

The dollar ended the week of January 27 down against all major currencies.

Currencies	Current ----Percent change from-----			
	rate 01/26/89	week ago 01/19/89	month ago 12/29/88	year ago 01/88
Argentine austral	16.8600	1.32	3.44	348.88
Australian dollar	1.1389	-1.26	-2.66	-18.92
Brazilian cruzado	0.9900	0.00	35.42	1178.31
Canadian dollar	1.1827	-0.40	-0.80	-7.90
South African rand	2.4010	0.49	1.47	21.77
Thai baht	25.3100	-0.08	0.48	0.43
ECU	0.8832	-1.64	2.76	10.53
British pound	0.5646	-0.88	1.11	1.67
French franc	6.2820	-0.84	3.01	12.58
West German mark	1.8475	-0.63	3.36	11.71
Japanese yen	128.1500	-0.62	1.87	0.42
South Korean won	682.7000	-0.04	-0.32	-13.69
New Taiwan dollar	27.6500	-0.29	-1.92	-3.01

Exchange rates are spot as of 3 p.m. Eastern Time, January 26, 1989.

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EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES

The status of USDA's Export Enhancement Program as of Jan. 27, 1989, was as follows in metric tons:

ANNOUNCED INITIATIVES	DATE ANNOUNCED	QUANTITY/RESULTS	
102. Kenya wheat	May 6, '88	100,000	
101. Central African Republic wheat flour	April 28, '88	40,000	
100. Benin wheat flour	April 25, '88	50,000	Sold 10,400
99. West Africa frozen poultry (Benin, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea, Liberia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo)	April 18, '88	5,000	Sold 20
98. German Dem. Rep. wheat	April 14, '88	130,000	
97. India wheat	April 13, '88	1,200,000	COMPLETE
	July 13, '88	800,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 25, '88	1,000,000	
96. Peru barley malt	March 31, '88	20,000	
95. Cameroon barley malt	March 25, '88	20,000	
94. Burundi wheat	Feb. 8, '88	10,000	
93. Central American countries barley malt (Costa Rica, El Salvador Guatemala, Honduras)	Jan. 27, '88	40,000	Sold 2,000
92. Turkey vegetable oil	Jan. 6, '88	80,000	COMPLETE
91. Algeria barley malt	Dec. 30, '87	10,000	Sold 3,300
90. Iraq barley malt	Dec. 23, '87	5,000	
89. Burundi barley malt	Dec. 16, '87	15,000	
88. Lebanon wheat	Dec. 11, '87	150,000	
87. Finland wheat	Dec. 9, '87	50,000	COMPLETE
	Jan. 21, '88	50,000	COMPLETE
	March 4, '88	150,000	Sold 26,000
86. Mexico wheat	Dec. 2, '87	200,000	COMPLETE
	March 3, '88	600,000	COMPLETE (600,375)
	Sept. 27, '88	300,000	
	Oct. 11, '88	300,000	
85. Zaire frozen poultry	Nov. 30, '87	7,000	
84. China dairy cattle	Nov. 18, '87	3,000 head	Sold 185
	April 29, '88		Balance withdrawn
83. Bulgaria barley	Nov. 17, '87	150,000	COMPLETE
82. Bulgaria wheat	Nov. 17, '87	150,000	COMPLETE
	Jan. 4, '88	200,000	
81. Gulf countries frozen poultry (Bahrain, Kuwait Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates)	Nov. 3, '87	16,000	Sold 4,022

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EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES (CONT)

80.	Saudi Arabia frozen poultry	Nov. 3, '87	20,000	Sold 500
79.	Hungary barley	Oct. 30, '87	100,000	
78.	Algeria vegetable oil	Oct. 22, '87	60,000	COMPLETE
		April 8, '88	60,000	Sold 28,000
77.	Morocco vegetable oil	Oct. 13, '87	60,000	Sold 33,000
76.	Tunisia vegetable oil	Sept. 24, '87	60,000	COMPLETE
75.	Singapore frozen poultry	Sept. 24, '87	2,000	Sold 182.3
74.	Near East table eggs (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Yemen)	Aug. 27, '87	50 million eggs	COMPLETE
73.	Saudi Arabia dairy cattle	Aug. 27, '87	2,000 head	Sold 1,870 head
		April 29, '88		Balance withdrawn
72.	Iraq barley	Aug. 10, '87	150,000	COMPLETE
		Dec. 28, '87	100,000	COMPLETE
71.	Brazil wheat	July 30, '87	300,000	Sold 66,000
70.	Colombia wheat	July 30, '87	300,000	COMPLETE
		Oct. 27, '88	400,000	
69.	Israel wheat	May 29, '87	200,000	
		April 18, '88		Withdrawn
68.	Bangladesh wheat	May 22, '87	100,000	COMPLETE
		July 8, '87	50,000	COMPLETE
		Aug. 12, '87	150,000	COMPLETE
		Sept. 10, '87	300,000	Sold 194,000
		Oct. 31, '88	300,000	
67.	Soviet Union wheat	April 30, '87	4,000,000	COMPLETE
		Oct. 15, '87	65,000	COMPLETE
		Nov. 9, '87	2,400,000	COMPLETE
		Nov. 27, '87	2,350,000	COMPLETE
		Jan. 29, '88	2,000,000	COMPLETE
		March 18, '88	1,000,000	COMPLETE
		April 4, '88	1,000,000	COMPLETE
		Dec 23, '88	2,000,000	Sold 1,964,800
		April 3, '87	70,000	COMPLETE
66.	Turkey rice	Nov. 8, '88	10,000	COMPLETE
		Dec. 6, '88	30,000	Sold 10,000
65.	Colombia barley malt	April 3, '87	15,000	COMPLETE
64.	Iraq table eggs	Feb. 20, '87	189 million eggs	Sold 178 million
		April 22, '88	96 million eggs	
63.	Canary Islands poultry	Feb. 9, '87	5,000	COMPLETE
		May 10, '88	1,000	COMPLETE
		Sept. 22, '88	2,000	Sold 1,000
62.	Nigeria wheat	Jan. 28, '87	500,000	

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EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES (CONT)

61. China wheat	Jan. 26, '87	1,000,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 18, '87	1,000,000	COMPLETE
	Nov. 17, '87	1,000,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 11, '87	1,000,000	COMPLETE
	Feb. 5, '88	1,200,000	COMPLETE
	April 5, '88	2,000,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 18, '88	2,000,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 7, '88	1,000,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 30, '88	1,000,000	Sold 990,000
60. Iraq wheat	Jan. 16, '87	800,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 26, '87	1,000,000	Sold 972,000
59. Switzerland barley or sorghum	Jan. 16, '87	250,000	Sold 9,000
58. Poland wheat	Jan. 7, '87	500,000	COMPLETE
	July 2, '87	500,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 1, '87	1,000,000	Sold 975,000
57. Poland barley or sorghum	March 22, '88	500,000	
	Dec. 31, '86	200,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 14, '87	500,000	Sold 295,000
56. Romania wheat	Dec. 23, '86	250,000	
55. Iraq poultry	Dec. 22, '86	60,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 2, '87	10,000	Sold 5,000
	Nov. 25, '87	30,000	
54. Dominican Republic table eggs	Dec. 9, '86	25 million eggs	Sold 11.1 million eggs
53. Zanzibar wheat flour	Dec. 9, '86	20,000	Sold 6,000
52. Tunisia barley	Dec. 1, '86	150,000	COMPLETE
	March 23, '88	350,000	Sold 23,700
51. Gulf countries (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates) dairy cattle	Oct. 30, '86	1,500 head	COMPLETE
	Aug. 27, '87	1,500 head	Sold 24 head
	April 29, '88		Balance withdrawn
50. West Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Gabon, Liberia, Niger, Togo) wheat	Oct. 30, '86	345,000	
	June 15, '87	185,000	
	Feb. 4, '88	50,000	Sold 306,800
49. Dominican Republic poultry	Oct. 29, '86	1,500	COMPLETE
	Jan. 12, '88	2,000	
48. Philippines barley malt	Oct. 20, '86	60,000	Sold 46,000
47. Cameroon wheat flour	Oct. 14, '86	20,000	COMPLETE
	May 26, '88	35,000	COMPLETE
46. Romania barley	Sept. 24, '86	200,000	Sold 125,000
45. Venezuela barley malt	Sept. 4, '86	100,000	
44. Cyprus barley	Aug. 26, '86	150,000	Sold 130,000
43. Canary Islands wheat	Aug. 8, '86	100,000	Sold 15,300
42. Egypt semolina	Aug. 6, '86	30,000	Sold 23,000
	Sept. 29, 1987		Balance withdrawn
41. Soviet Union wheat	Aug. 1, '86	4,000,000	EXPIRED

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EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES (CONT)

40. Canary Is. dairy cattle	July 28, '86 April 29, '88	3,000 head	Sold 2,985 Balance withdrawn
39. Hong Kong table eggs	July 28, '86 Nov. 16, '87 June 7, '88	44 million eggs 48 million eggs 48 million eggs	COMPLETE COMPLETE Sold 38.7 million
38. Senegal wheat	July 17, '86 Sept. 11, '87	100,000 110,000	COMPLETE
37. India vegetable oil	July 8, '86 Dec. 15, '87	25,000 300,000	COMPLETE Sold 120,000
36. Jordan barley	June 17, '86 Nov. 12, '86	60,000 100,000	COMPLETE
35. Israel barley	June 17, '86 Sept. 14, '87	200,000 200,000	COMPLETE (206,200)
34. Tunisia dairy cattle	April 27, '88	200,000	Sold 30,000
33. Algeria dairy cattle	May 29, '86	4,000 head	COMPLETE
32. Sri Lanka wheat	May 29, '86 May 16, '86 March 5, '87 Aug. 20, '87 Nov. 15, '88	5,000 head 125,000 95,000 240,000 250,000	COMPLETE COMPLETE COMPLETE COMPLETE (201,000)
31. Saudi Arabia barley	May 7, '86 Aug. 6, '86 Sept. 16, '86 Oct. 8, '86 Jan. 5, '87 May 15, '87 Aug. 4, '87 April 18, '88 June 7, '88	500,000 250,000 300,000 200,000 1,250,000 500,000 500,000 250,000 300,000	COMPLETE COMPLETE COMPLETE COMPLETE COMPLETE
30. Algeria barley	Apr. 17, '86 April 18, '88	500,000 200,000	COMPLETE Sold 198,000
29. Morocco dairy cattle	April 16, '86 Dec. 8, 87 April 29, '88 July 7, '88	4,000 head 7,500 head 5,000 head non-registered	COMPLETE Withdrawn 5,000 head COMPLETE
28. Turkey dairy cattle	April 16, '86 June 18, '86 Nov. 18, '87 April 29, '88 July 7, '88	5,000 head 5,000 head 10,000 head Withdrewn 5,000 head	COMPLETE COMPLETE Withdrewn COMPLETE non-registered

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EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES (CONT)

27. Egypt dairy cattle	April 16, '86	6,000 head	COMPLETE
	Sept. 12, '86	10,000 head	Sold 3,681
	Oct. 19, '87		Withdrawn
26. Yemen poultry feed	April 14, '86	150,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 1, '87	186,500	Sold 38,968
	Aug. 31, '88		Cancelled
25. Yugoslavia wheat	April 10, '86	200,000	COMPLETE
	June 24, '86	200,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 7, '86	500,000	Sold 417,050
	Oct. 19, '87	500,000	
24. Indonesia dairy cattle	April 9, '86	7,500 head	COMPLETE
	June 18, '87	8,000 head	COMPLETE
	Oct. 5, '87	8,000 head	Sold 4,000
	April 29, '88		Balance withdrawn
23. Syria wheat	April 8, '86	700,000	CANCELED
22. Benin wheat (remaining 15,000 tons transferred to West Africa)	April 7, '86	45,000	COMPLETE
21. Algeria table eggs	April 4, '86	500 million	eggs
	Sept. 29, '87		Withdrawn
20. Iraq dairy cattle	April 4, '86	6,500 head	Sold 6,028
	April 29, '88		Balance withdrawn
19. Jordan wheat	March 19, '86	75,000	COMPLETE
	June 20, '86	75,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 31, '86	225,000	COMPLETE
18. Tunisia wheat	March 2, '86	350,000	Sold 40,000
	March 18, '86	300,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 22, '86	800,000	Sold 775,000
	Feb. 3, '88	725,000	
17. Algeria wheat flour	Feb. 25, '86	100,000	
	Sept. 29, '87		Withdrawn
16. Algeria semolina	Feb. 11, '86	250,000	Sold 30,000
	Oct. 9, '87	Allocation reduced	COMPLETE
	Oct. 9, '87	50,000	
15. Philippines wheat	Jan. 7, '86	150,000	COMPLETE (152,400)
	Aug. 10, '87	500,000	COMPLETE
	Feb. 11, '88	500,000	COMPLETE
14. Zaire wheat	Sept. 14, '88	700,000	Sold 435,000
	Dec. 27, '85	35,000	COMPLETE
	May 15, '86	45,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 10, '86	40,000	COMPLETE
	July 16, '87	80,000	COMPLETE
	Feb. 4, '88	160,000	Sold 53,000
13. Nigeria barley malt	Dec. 10, '85	100,000	Sold 93,464
12. Iraq wheat flour	Dec. 9, '85	150,000	COMPLETE
	Jan. 7, '87	175,000	Sold 125,000

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EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES (CONT)

11. Egypt poultry	Nov. 26, '85	8,000	COMPLETE
	March 21, '86	15,000	COMPLETE
	June 18, '86	5,000	COMPLETE
	July 8, '86	15,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 19, '86	25,000	COMPLETE
	Feb. 27, '87	6,000	COMPLETE
	June 7, '88	5,000	
10. Zaire wheat flour	Nov. 18, '85	64,000	COMPLETE
	May 15, '86	30,000	COMPLETE
	April 20, '88	45,000	
9. Philippines wheat flour	Nov. 15, '85	100,000	Sold 50,000
	Sept. 29, '87		Balance withdrawn
8. Jordan rice	Nov. 8, '85	40,000	COMPLETE
	Jan. 13, '87	60,000	COMPLETE (61,150)
7. Turkey wheat	Oct. 16, '85	500,000	COMPLETE (506,600)
6. Morocco wheat	May 8, '86	500,000	Sold 298,000
	Sept. 30, '85	1,500,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 9, '86	790,000	COMPLETE
	July 1, '87	500,000	COMPLETE
	Nov. 23, '87	1,500,000	Sold 1,390,000
	Dec 21, '88	1,000,000	
5. Yemen wheat	Sept. 6, '85	100,000	COMPLETE
	Jan. 26, '87	100,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 22, '87	100,000	COMPLETE
	May 31, '88	100,000	Sold 50,000
4. Yemen wheat flour	Aug. 20, '85	50,000	COMPLETE
	April 14, '86	100,000	COMPLETE
	May 18, '87	100,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 22, '87	100,000	Sold 16,040
3. Egypt wheat	July 26, '85	500,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 30, '85	500,000	COMPLETE (512,500)
2. Egypt wheat flour	June 24, '86	500,000	COMPLETE
	July 29, '86	52,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 8, '86	1,000,000	COMPLETE
	July 8, '87	500,000	COMPLETE
	Nov. 30, '87	1,000,000	COMPLETE
	May 11, '88	1,000,000	COMPLETE
	Dec 14, '88	300,000	COMPLETE
	Dec 28, '88	300,000	Sold 225,750
	July 2, '85	600,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 6, '86	600,000	Sold 598,500

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EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES (CONT)

1. Algeria wheat (ex durum)	June 4, '85	1,000,000	COMPLETE
wheat (ex durum)	April 10, '86	1,000,000	COMPLETE
durum	Nov. 10, '86	300,000	COMPLETE
durum	March 16, '87	300,000	COMPLETE
durum	July 24, '87	300,000	COMPLETE
durum	Oct. 29, '87	300,000	COMPLETE
wheat (all)	Dec. 31, '87	1,000,000	COMPLETE
wheat (all)	Aug. 12, '88	1,000,000	Sold 425,000

EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM SUMMARY
Announced as of Jan. 27, 1989

Announced to Date*	75,615,390 tons grains and products (grain equivalent)
	560 million table eggs
	240,500 tons frozen poultry
	74,773 head dairy cattle
	645,000 tons vegetable oil
 Sold to Date	 54,564,734 tons wheat
	2,684,593 tons flour (grain equivalent)
	6,258,354 tons barley
	72,610 tons semolina (grain equivalent)
	213,013 tons barley malt (grain equivalent)
	319,000 tons sorghum
	191,150 tons rice
	188,968 tons poultry feed
	394,000 tons vegetable oil
	152,342 tons frozen poultry
	69,773 head dairy cattle
	411,468,180 table eggs
 Total Sales Value:	 \$7,194.0 million
Market Value of Awards:	\$2,395.4 million

*Does not include withdrawn programs.

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Selected International Prices

Item year	: January 31, 1989		: Change from : A	
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ROTTERDAM PRICES 1/	\$ per MT	\$ per bu.	\$ per MT	\$ per MT
Wheat:				
Canadian No. 1 CWRS-13.5%.10/	222.00	6.04	+1.00	155.50
U.S. No. 2 DNS/NS: 14%.10/	195.00	5.32	+2.50	--
U.S. No. 2 S.R.W.11/	196.50	5.35	-3.25	154.00
No. 3 H.A.D.....10/	209.00	5.69	+2.00	163.00
Canadian No. 1 A: Durum10/	215.00	5.85	+3.00	167.50
Feed grains:				
U.S. No. 3 Yellow Corn.11/	137.00	3.48	+0.50	107.00
Soybeans and Meal:				
U.S. No. 2 Yellow.....11/	307.00	--	+2.00	250.00
Brazil 47/48% Soya Pellets13/	305.00	--	-1.00	237.00
U.S. 44% Soybean Meal..11/	281.00	--	+4.00	216.00
U.S. FARM PRICES 3/				
Wheat	150.27	4.09	+0.37	102.87
Barley.....	98.03	2.49	+1.18	71.26
Corn.....	95.53	2.08	+0.45	66.14
Sorghum.....	87.96	3.99 2/	+1.54	63.27
Broilers.....	1,265.69	--	+3.75	935.63
EC IMPORT LEVIES				
Wheat 5/.....	133.41	3.63	+6.04	234.97
Barley.....	132.24	2.88	-0.29	222.72
Corn.....	141.28	3.59	+7.83	205.26
Sorghum.....	152.29	3.87	+7.25	216.85
Broilers 4/ 6/ 8/.....	501.00	--	+6.00	549.00
EC INTERVENTION PRICES 7/ 9/				
Common wheat(feed quality)	199.68	5.43	+2.20	217.06
Bread wheat (min. quality)	209.92	5.71	+2.32	228.09
Maize.....	209.92	5.33	+2.32	228.09
Barley and all other feed				
grains, excluding maize.	199.68	--	+2.20	217.06
Broilers 4/ 6/.....	1,477.00	--	+11.00	1,683.00
EC EXPORT RESTITUTIONS (subsidies)				
Wheat	67.23	1.83	-3.31	219.38
Barley.....	82.51	1.80	+2.76	149.29
Broilers 4/ 6/ 8/.....	571.00	--	+7.00	554.00

1/ Asking prices in U.S. dollars for imported grain and soybeans, c.i.f., Rotterdam. 2/ Hundredweight (CWT). 3/ Five-day moving average. 4/ EC category--70 percent whole chicken. 5/ Reflects lower EC export subsidy--down to 20.00 ECU/100 bag effective 9/14/83 from 22.50 ECU/100 bag set in 2/83. 6/ F.o.b. price for R.T.C. broilers at West German border. 7/ Reference price. 8/ Reflects change in level set by EC. 9/ Changes may be due partly to exchange rate fluctuations and/or ECU payments. 10/ April/May delivery. 11/ February delivery. 12/ January/March delivery. 13/ SPOT FOB. N.A.=None authorized. N.Q.=Not quoted.

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